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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For : FACSIMILE APPARATUS AND  
CONTROL METHOD THEREOF

Art Unit : 2626

Examiner : Satwant K.Singh

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed  
May 25, 2006, the term for response to which expires on  
August 25, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 8 and 12  
are amended; claims 4-7 and 9 are canceled; and claims 2, 3, 10,  
11, 13 and 14 are maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.